

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 02 July 2002
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment
 Title of Publication: Casualties Of War
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Brian De Palma
 Producer: Art Linson
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: USA
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu:	Audio Set Up		
	Subtitles		
	Scene Selections		
	Special Features		
	Play Movie		
Feature:	Casualties Of War	Running time:	108.57
Other Moving	Columbia Tristar Notice	Running time:	0.16
Components:	Eriksson's War		18.43
	The Making Of Casualties Of War		31.21
	M.S. Clark Testifies		1.30
	Oahn's Sister's Testimony		1.16
	Check The Treeline		1.10
	Hill & Eriksson		0.54
	Eriksson's Interrogation		2.51
	Casualties Of War		1.58
	In The Line Of Fire		1.23
	The Caine Mutiny		0.52
	A Few Good Men		2.53

Other
 Components: Filmographies

Total Running time: 174.04

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Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Content may disturb.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: 01 July 2002

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD *Casualties Of War* is classified as:

Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over.

The DVD contains a feature previously examined and classified as a 35mm film by the Chief Censor Of Films under the Films Act 1983. The film *Casualties Of War* was classified "Exhibition only to persons 16 years of age and over unless accompanied by a parent or guardian." The decision was registered on 24 August 1989.

Under the transitional provisions provided by the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 for rating films that were classified under previous Acts, this classification becomes under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 "Unrestricted: Suitable for mature audiences 16 years of age and over".

The feature is set in Vietnam during the Vietnamese War. The feature is based on the character Eriksson who is a new recruit to his unit. Due to the loss of a friend to a Vietcong ambush, the rest of Eriksson's unit "retaliates" by kidnapping and gang-raping a Vietnamese girl. Later in the feature the girl is brutally stabbed and shot to death by most of the unit, despite Eriksson's attempts to save her. Eriksson forces his superiors to order a court marshal for the rest of his unit, despite being ostracised and having people from his unit try to kill him.

The DVD has additional components, including a menu, which contains options including audio set-up, scene selection, subtitles, special features and play movie. The special features menu contains *Eriksson's War* (interviews with the main actor Michael J Fox), the making of *Casualties Of War*, deleted scenes (containing five clips), trailers (four trailers) and filmographies. The background pictures for the main menu, the scene selection and the extra materials menu are on loops. This additional material does not provide grounds to alter the classification given to the original publication. The descriptive note "Content May Disturb" is retained.

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